

Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Work Aid- 2 – Child Protective Services Tasks by Allegations

Allegation	Tasks
1. Physical abuse – severe	All investigative activities except for the psychological evaluation are required in cases alleging or involving severe abuse and will be completed by the case worker assigned to the case and/or CPIT team members.
	a) Required:
	♦ Interview parents/caretakers
	 Interview/observe alleged child victim(s) and take photographs
	 Interview other children in the home
	♦ Home visit
	 Interview other persons living in the home
	Site visit if abuse occurred other than the home
	 Forensic medical exam and/or treatment for the alleged victim as outlined in Section J of Work Aid 3. CPS Tasks and Activities.
	 Interview perpetrator if other than a parent/caretaker
	 Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, other professionals or agencies
	 Complete Structured Decision Making (SDM) or other assessments as appropriate
	♦ Notify the District Attorney
	◆ Convene Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT)
	♦ Notify the Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Allegation	Tasks Tasks
	b) Recommended:
	 The psychological evaluation of children or parents/caretakers is recommended.
2. Physical abuse – Non-	a) Required:
severe	 Interview parents/caretakers
	 Interview/observe alleged child victim(s) and take photographs
	 Forensic medical exam and/or treatment for the alleged victim as outlined in Section J of Work Aid 3, CPS Tasks and Activities.
	 Interview other children in the home
	 Interview perpetrator if other than a parent/caretaker
	 Home visit (if abuse occurred in the home)
	 Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, other professionals or agencies
	◆ DCS prior records review
	b) Recommended:
	 Forensic medical exam and/or treatment for the alleged victim as outlined in Section J of Work Aid 3, CPS Tasks and Activities.
	d) Site visit if abuse occurred in setting other than home
	◆ Contact reporter for more information
	c) Optional:
	♦ Review of other records
	Psychological evaluations
	◆ Family Functional Assessment

Allegation	Tasks
	d) Not applicable:
	Notify the District Attorney
	◆ Convene CPIT
	Notify the CAC
3. Environmental neglect	a) Required:
	♦ Interview parents/caretakers
	 Interview/observe alleged child victim and take photographs
	 Interview other children in the home
	♦ Home visit and take photographs
	 Interview alleged perpetrator if other than parents/caretakers
	 Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, other professionals or agencies
	◆ DCS record check
	b) Recommended:
	 Contact reporter for more information Interviews with witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, other professionals and agencies
	Other record checks
	c) Optional:
	Psychological evaluation
	Medical treatment/exam
	♦ Family Functional Assessment
	d) Not applicable:
	◆ Convene CPIT

Allegation	Tasks
	 Notify the District Attorney Notify the CAC
4. Nutritional neglect - Severe	a) Required: Interview parents/caretakers Interview/observe alleged child victim(s) and take photographs Interview other children in the home Home visit Interview other persons living in the home Site visit if abuse occurred other than the home Forensic medical exam and/or treatment for the alleged victim as outlined in Section J of Work Aid 3, CPS Tasks and Activities. Interview perpetrator if other than a parent/caretaker Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, other professionals or agencies Complete SDM Notify District Attorney Interview perpetrator if other than a parent/caretaker Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, other professionals or agencies DCS record checks Recommended: Psychological evaluation of parent/caretaker Site visit if the location is other than the home
	Other record checks

Allegation	Tasks Tasks
5. Nutritional neglect – non-severe	a) Required: • Interview parents/caretakers • Interview/observe alleged child victim and take photographs • Interview/observe other children in the home • Interview perpetrator other than parent/caretaker • Home visit • Interview witnesses, collaterals, and other adults in the home • Interview other professionals or agencies • Interview perpetrator if other than a parent/caretaker • Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, other professionals or agencies • Complete SDM • DCS records check b) Recommended: • Medical treatment/exam • Contact reporter for more information • Other records check c) Optional: • Background check • Psychological evaluation
	 Family Functional Assessment Site visit if other than the home

Allegation	Tasks Tasks
	d) Not applicable:
	Notify District Attorney
	◆ Convene CPIT
	◆ Notify CAC
6. <u>Lack of supervision</u>	a) Required:
	◆ Interview parents/caretakers
	 Interview/observe alleged victim(s) and take photographs
	 Interview/observe other children in the home
	◆ Home visit
	 Interview alleged perpetrator if other than parent/caretaker
	 Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, and professionals or agency staff
	◆ DCS records check
	◆ Complete SDM
	b) Recommended:
	Contact reporter for more information
	◆ Other records check
	◆ Site visit, if occurred in setting other than the home
	c) Optional:
	Psychological evaluation
	◆ Medical treatment/exam
	◆ Family Functional Assessment
	◆ Other records check

Allegation	Tasks
	d) Not applicable:
	Notifying the District Attorney
	◆ Convene CPIT
	◆ Notify CAC
7. Abandonment	a) Required:
	◆ Interview parent/caretaker if whereabouts are known
	 Interview/observe child victim(s) and take photographs
	◆ Interview other children in the home
	◆ Home visit
	 Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, and professionals or agency persons
	◆ DCS records check
	b) Recommended:
	Site visit, if incident occurred in setting other than the home
	Contact reporter for more information
	♦ Other records check
	c) Optional:
	◆ Convene CPIT
	Notify District Attorney
	♦ Notify CAC
	◆ Medical treatment/exam
	Psychological evaluation
	♦ Other records check

Tasks Tasks
 d) Not applicable: Interview with alleged perpetrator, if other than the parent(s)
a) Required: Interview parents/caretakers Interview/observe alleged child victim(s) and take photographs Interview other children in the home Home visit Interview other persons living in the home Site visit if abuse occurred other than the home Forensic medical exam and/or treatment for the alleged victim as outlined in Section J of Work Aid 3, CPS Tasks and Activities. Interview perpetrator if other than a parent/caretaker Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, other professionals or agencies Complete SDM Notify District Attorney Convene CPIT Notify CAC Recommended: Psychological evaluation

Allegation	Tasks Tasks
9. Medical maltreatment – non-severe	 Tasks a) Required: Interview parents/caretakers; Interview/observe child victims and take photographs Interview/observe other children in the home Interview alleged perpetrator if other than the parent/caretaker Home visit Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, and professionals or agency staff DCS records check b) Recommended: Medical treatment/exam
	 Contact reporter for more information c) Optional: Psychological evaluations Family Functional Assessment Other records check d) Not applicable: Notify District Attorney Convene CPIT Notify CAC Site visit

Allegation	Tasks Tasks
10. <u>Sexual Abuse</u>	a) Required:
	♦ Interview parents/caretakers
	 Interview/observe alleged child victim(s) and take photographs
	◆ Interview other children in the home
	♦ Home visit
	 Interview other persons living in the home
	Site visit if abuse occurred other than the home
	 Forensic medical exam and/or treatment for the alleged victim as outlined in Section J of Work Aid 3, CPS Tasks and Activities.
	 Interview perpetrator if other than a parent/caretaker
	 Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, other professionals or agencies
	◆ Complete SDM
	Notify District Attorney
	◆ Convene CPIT
	Notify CAC
	◆ DCS records check
	b) Recommended:
	 Photographing injuries or conditions
	♦ Medical treatment/exam
	Psychological evaluation
	◆ Other records check

Allegation	Tasks
11. Child fatality-near fatality	a) Required:
	♦ Interview parents/caretakers
	 Interview other children in the home and take photographs
	♦ Home visit
	 Interview other persons living in the home
	Site visit if abuse occurred other than the home
	 Interview perpetrator if other than a parent/caretaker
	 Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, other professionals or agencies
	◆ Complete SDM
	Notify District Attorney
	◆ Convene CPIT
	◆ DCS records check
	 Complete form <u>CS-0740, CPS Investigation Summary and Classification Decision of Child Abuse/Neglect</u>
	b) Recommended:
	Contact reporter for more information
	Psychological evaluation
	♦ Other records check
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12. <u>Drug exposed infant/child</u>	a) Required:
	♦ Interview parents/caretakers
	◆ Interview/observe child victim(s), and take photographs

Allegation	Tasks Tasks
	◆ Interview/observe other children in the home
	 Interview alleged perpetrator, if other than the parents/caretakers
	 Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, professionals or agency staff
	 Home visit (unless there is a good cause to believe that the home contains facilities for manufacture of methamphetamines)
	◆ DCS records check
	b) Recommended:
	◆ Convene CPIT
	Notify the District Attorney
	Notify the CAC
	♦ Medical treatment/exam
	Contact reporter for more information
	Psychological evaluation
	 Site visit, if other than the home, and if that site is not believed to contain facilities for the manufacture of methamphetamine.
	Drug testing as needed
	Other records check
13. <u>Psychological harm</u>	a) Required:
	♦ Interview parents/caretakers
(Note: This allegation may not	 Interview/observe child victim(s) and photograph <u>as needed</u>
be classified as indicated without a supporting mental	♦ Interview/observe other children in the home
health evaluation.)	 Interview the perpetrator if other than the parents/caretakers

Allegation	Tasks
	 Interview witnesses, collaterals, other adults in the home, professionals and agency staff Home visit DCS records check Recommended: Site visit if site is other than the home Contact the reporter for more information
	 ◆ Other records check c) Optional: ◆ Medical treatment/exam d) Not applicable: ◆ Convene CPIT ◆ Notify the District Attorney ◆ Notify the CAC
14. Educational neglect	a) Required: Interview parents/caretakers Interview/observe child victim(s) and photograph as needed Contact reporter for more information Interview witnesses, collaterals, and other adults in the home, professionals or agency staff Home visit DCS records check Recommended: Interview other children in the home

Allegation	Tasks
	♦ Other records check
	Psychological evaluation
	c) Not applicable:
	 Interview perpetrator if other than parent/caretaker
	◆ Site visit
	Notify District Attorney
	◆ Convene CPIT
	Notify CAC